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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ROBINSON, KEITH

Examiner

Russell M. Kobert

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 32-41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

2. In claims 32 and 37 the term "operatively couplable" has been interpreted to mean any couplable device being "operatively couplable" given the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed invention.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 32-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morrison (4884983).

Morrison anticipates (Figure 4) a method of making a testing device, comprising:
Coupling a load board (18A) to a base member (44);

Removably coupling multiple electrically conductive first contacts (52A-B) to the base member, the first contacts having first portions (that portion of 52A-B abutting 54A-B and 56A-B) that are thereby operatively coupled to the load board and second portions (that portion of 52A-B abutting 50A-B) that are operatively couplable to multiple second contacts (50A-B);

Operatively coupling the second contacts to the second portions of the first contacts; and

Configuring at least one pin receptacle (64A-B) to be *operatively couplable* to at least one of the second contacts and to receive pins (such as 72A-B) of an electrical socket device (such as circuit board 14; see also col 5, ln 59-63), the electrical socket device being configured to receive a device to be tested; as recited in claims 32 and 37

As to claims 33-36 and 38-41, removably coupling the first contacts to the base member includes removably coupling the first contacts to the base member via at least one clamp, operatively coupling the second contacts to the second portions of the first contacts includes frictional engaging the second contacts with the second portions of the first contacts, operatively coupling the at least one pin receptacle to the at least one of the second contacts and coupling the pins of an electrical socket device to the at least one pin receptacle is considered inherent to the operable function of Morrison.

5. Claims 32-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being **clearly** anticipated by Cedrone (4689556).

Cedrone contains each of the positively recited elements; such as load board (34), base member (14), first contacts (36, 38 and 39a), second contacts (16), pin receptacles (44) arranged in an interconnecting manner as claimed.

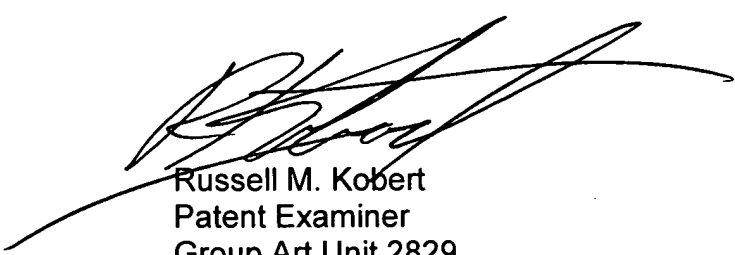
6. Claims 32-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being **clearly** anticipated by Jensen et al (4970460; see Figures 1 and 2; further note socket 14; col 4, ln 46-52).

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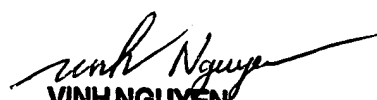
Jensen et al contains each of the positively recited elements; such as load board (12), base member (94), first contacts (18 and 22), second contacts (124), pin receptacles (91a-n) arranged in an interconnecting manner as claimed.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s) from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russell Kobert whose telephone number is (571) 272-1963. The Examiner's Supervisor, Nestor R. Ramirez, can be reached at (571) 272-2034. For an automated menu of Tech Center 2800 phone numbers call (571) 272-2800.



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